



Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona

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WIFA Releases Technical Assistance Intended Use Plan for Funding Cycle 2006

PHOENIX – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona Chairman and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens today released WIFA's Technical Assistance Intended Use Plan (TA IUP) for funding cycle 2006.

In the TA IUP WIFA awarded \$815,000 in technical assistance funding for the 2006 funding cycle - \$560,000 in drinking water technical assistance grants and \$255,000 in grants for wastewater technical assistance. An additional \$125,000 will be used by ADEQ to provide operational technical assistance.

Arizona municipalities, public water systems and Indian communities applied for funding by completing a Technical Assistance Priority List application. WIFA will fund 17 drinking water technical assistance projects for the 2006 funding cycle. WIFA will fund 9 clean water technical assistance projects for the 2006 funding cycle.

“WIFA is very pleased to award technical assistance grants to the communities most in need of this funding to update their water and wastewater systems,” said Owens. “Technical assistance sets the stage for a successful renovation of a system.”

The TA IUP describes WIFA's use of various sources of funding to support three types of technical assistance during Technical Assistance Funding Cycle 2006:

- Project Technical Assistance – WIFA will assist an individual drinking water or wastewater system with planning, designing and developing infrastructure.
- Policy Technical Assistance – WIFA will develop and distribute guidance or perform related activities to benefit a wide range of drinking water and wastewater systems.
- Operational Technical Assistance – ADEQ will assist individual drinking water systems in improving day-to-day operations.

Drinking water grant recipients for the 2006 funding cycle include Maricopa Mountain Water Company; Thunderbird Farms Domestic Water Improvement District; Lagoon Estates Water Company, City of Somerton;

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Cosanti Foundation; Naco Water Company, LLC; Town of Jerome; Town of Patagonia; Marana Domestic Water Improvement District; Camp Verde Water System; City of St. Johns; City of Williams; Water Utility of Greater Tonopah; Rainbow Acres; Water Utility of Greater Buckeye; Double G Mobile Park; and Village of Moencopi (lower). Six of the communities are using the funds for arsenic related projects including Thunderbird Farms DWID which will conduct an arsenic, nitrate and fluoride treatment study. The grants are awarded for a variety of projects. For example, the City of Williams will use the grant for a well field and water storage reservoir.

The 2006 clean water grant recipients include Buckskin Sanitary District, City of El Mirage, Town of Quartzsite, Virgin River Domestic Wastewater Improvement District, City of Bisbee, Mogollon Domestic Wastewater Improvement District, Fawnbrook Domestic Wastewater Improvement District, Town of Clarkdale and Town of Miami. The Buckskin Sanitary District will use the grant to create a wastewater master plan and the Town of Patagonia is making municipal water system improvements. Furthermore, the Town of Miami will use the grant to conduct wastewater treatment plant upgrades.

“The Technical Assistance Intended Use Plan for funding cycle 2006 offers communities a variety of options and funds,” said WIFA Executive Director Jay Spector. “We are proud of our technical assistance program and look forward to helping communities during the 2006 funding cycle.”

The Technical Assistance Intended Use Plan can be found on WIFA’s Web site (www.azwifa.gov).

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ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA’s Web site at www.azwifa.gov.